

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention performs printing without collapsing the appearance of the hyper document and embeds information about links in the printed hyper document so that access to the link destinations can be gained. The image processing apparatus of the present invention has a plotting control unit that, when outputting document data onto a recording medium as a document image, the document data having image elements containing link destinations and containing appearance information for defining the plotting positions of the image elements, plots the image elements in the plotting positions defined by the appearance information and embeds at least part of coupling information for specifying related information of the image elements in the plotting positions of the image elements.

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